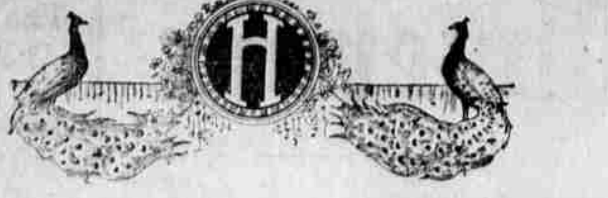

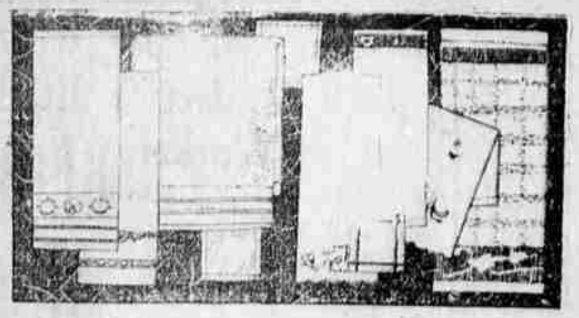

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Tex Rickard Announces Championship Battle Will Be Staged in June

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, and Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul will fight a return title match in New York probably early in June, Promoter Tex Rickard announced Thursday, after a conference with Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager.

Rickard came to a definite agreement with Kane after an hour's conference at Madison Square Garden. Jack Kearns, manager of the champion, has not yet signed articles with Rickard, but several days ago he assured the promoter there would be no hitch in arrangements if Gibbons was signed.

Gibbons has been seeking a return fight with Dempsey ever since he stayed the limit of 15 rounds with the champion in their battle in Shelby, Montana, last July 4. Dempsey was awarded the verdict on points but it was the first time since he became titleholder that anyone had stayed the full route with him.

Several promoters had been dickering for the return fight, the latest offer having been made by James Mullen of Chicago, who claimed he had negotiations well under way. Both Kane and Kearns denied they had given Mullen any definite assurances.

Details Not Revealed.

No details of the agreement reached between Kane and Rickard were revealed, but Kane, who barely made expenses at Shelby as a result of the financial debacle there, indicated he was well satisfied with the promoter's proposition.

Kearns declared he would have no hesitancy in signing for Dempsey if terms and conditions are agreeable. It was understood, however, that he already has come to an understanding with the promoter.

"Rickard informed me over the telephone that he had reached an agreement with Kane," said the champion's manager. "The proposition sounds good to me. I have assured Rickard right along we are ready to fight anybody, particularly Gibbons, because of his good showing at Shelby. I am leaving for Hot Springs, Ark., Friday, but expect to return to New York to go into details on the bout. I expect no difficulty coming to terms with Rickard."

Kearns said any date or place was agreeable to the champion but mentioned Decoration day as a favorable time.

Eugene Wants Convicted Forger.

EUGENE, Or.—Grant Stokes, who two years ago this month passed a worthless check for several hundred dollars at the United States bank of this city, will be brought here for trial as soon as he is released from the Walla Walla prison in the near future, said Sheriff Fred G. Stickels. The sheriff has sent word to Walla Walla that Lane county wants Stokes as soon as he steps outside the prison yard.

EXPECT PEPPY CAGE CLASHES

Intercollegiate Basketball League to See Spirited Contest for Individual Honors.

NEW YORK. (AP)—A spirited contest for individual honors is expected this season in the Intercollegiate Basketball league, which gets under way tonight when Columbia and Pennsylvania meet here.

There is little likelihood, however, of any player surpassing the high scoring record of 152 made in the 1920-21 season by Eddie McNichol, of Pennsylvania. This year the new foul shooting rule which provides that the player fouled must make the free try for goal instead of a team's crack basket shooter, will check most of the high tallying by this method on the part of any individual.

Among high scorers of last season who are expected to figure prominently in this season's race are Sulsman and Pite, crack Yale forwards, and Strom and Wilson, of Columbia.

NEW YORK. (AP)—The Intercollegiate Basketball League which opens its fourteenth season tomorrow night when Columbia and Pennsylvania fives meet here, promises to add this year to its record for closely contested title races.

Review of the organization's history since it started in 1910-11 reveals an unusual number of stirring battles for court supremacy. But one team in the annals of the league has ever finished the season with a clean slate, that being Pennsylvania, which captured the title in 1919-20 with a record of ten victories and no defeats.

The Quakers have won five championships, four of them in one stretch, and lead all of their five rivals. Yale, the 1922-23 titleholder, has furnished three champion teams, Columbia two and Princeton and Cornell, one each. Cornell and Columbia shared titular honors one season.

The championship winners since the league was formed follow:

Year	Team	W.	L.
1910-11	Columbia	7	1
1911-12	Columbia	[illegible]	[illegible]
1912-13	Cornell	7	1
1913-14	*Cornell-Columbia	[illegible]	2
1914-15	Yale	8	2
1915-16	Pennsylvania	9	2
1916-17	Yale	9	1
1917-18	Pennsylvania	8	1
1918-19	Pennsylvania	7	1
1919-20	Pennsylvania	10	0
1920-21	Pennsylvania	9	1
1921-22	Princeton	8	2
1922-23	Yale	7	3

*Cornell and Columbia tied for the championship.

Dartmouth and Orange Tracksters Meet May 10

SYRACUSE, N. Y., (INS)—Syracuse University's track team will meet the Dartmouth team at Hanover, N. H., on May 10 and will also be sent on a Southern trip, Manager Renard Adams announced. The scheduled meet will comprise all outdoor track and field events.

This year's chart, both indoor and out, will be bigger than last year, Manager Adams said. The headline events of the indoor season will be the Millrose A. C. games at New York January 29 and 30; the Boston A. A. games at the Hub February 2, and the intercollegiates at New York near the end of the indoor season. Several dual meets are also being secured, both for this Winter and for the Spring. One of them will be the annual meet with Colgate. Negotiations with other prospective opponents are still in an embryonic but promising stage.

AGGIES WON SIX OF EIGHT GAMES ON TRIP SOUTH

CORVALLIS.—(Special)— After winning six out of eight games played on the barnstorming tour, eight Aggie basket shooters arrived in Corvallis. With 261 points to their opponents' 164, the quintet lost only to St. Ignatius and Livermore. In the last game, the Beaver hoopers defeated Ambers Athletic club at Stockton 32 to 18.

Ellerston, first year varsity guard, and "Red" Ridings, veteran forward, made more than half of the Beaver points. Ridings also played center part of the time, and showed up well in that position. Gill and Steele played their usual clever game.

The team is in good condition, according to Coach R. H. Hager. Light workouts will be held in preparation for the game Friday night with Pacific university.

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SPORT NEWS

Local Team Preparing For Elgin High Game

Many Faults Yet Exist But Work to Eradicate Them Is Progressing

(Scoop)

With the La Grande-Elgin high school basketball game to be played here Saturday, the first time the local fans will see MacTavish's quintette in action, a little resume of the actual faults and assets of the various team-members is timely.

In general the team is going fairly well, facing plenty of early season faults but striving to overcome them—and indications are that they will be solved in the near future.

As individuals the players are fair. Lynch has had considerable experience but [illegible] fied. He is striving to do away with this fault [illegible] with their shortcomings [illegible] public can expect [illegible] zed before the season ends. Lynch should learn to take things easy. He is a good shot and a fair floor man but could use his head to more advantage.

Captain Price handles himself as good if not better than any man on the team, being able to use his steps, turns and pivots to good advantage. He is an accurate shot and sacrifices personal glory to teamwork. But he will have to learn to talk no more for as captain, one of his jobs then cannot be overlooked is that of pepping up the team and encouraging his men to greater effort. In the Union game he failed to play as good a defensive game as he might.

Hummell, at center, handles himself well. A good basketball player is one who can do that in any position he finds himself and Hummell proves that he has had experience by this asset. He is fair on the floor but is weak in jumping. Of course this is not the most important thing but it is hoped that he can improve his jumping. He is prone to fouling and must stop this because a man loses points by this method as many times a handicap to his other team mates.

Garity, at guard, is inclined to be slow and he must snap out of this. If he doesn't; in a fast game, he will find himself left by the wayside. Garity is large enough and fast enough to be able to hold his own with any in this district but in order to accomplish this end, he must show more determination and earnestness. Garity also shoots lower than is best, not arching his shots high enough. Garity has had experience and has it in him to make a good man.

Caker is showing up fairly well at guard. He is not only fair on the offense but on the defence which is a good asset. But there is one fault that he has that should be eradicated. That is "crabbing." He must forget the decisions and play ball all the time and also get back a little faster on the defense than he has been doing.

The crabbing fault is not confined to Caker but it is shown too much by the entire team. Incidentally, Garity isn't the only man who shoots too low at the basket. And it wouldn't hurt if the others devoted a little more time to teamwork and forget the grandstand.

The above faults are mostly "early season" ones and can and probably will be smoothed out as the schedule of games is gone through.

La Grande high school this year has the makings of one of the best basketball teams in many years—but they're not showing their stuff yet and it's never too soon to start.

Elgin has a tough aggregation and if the fellows do not improve over their showing at Union a week ago, they may find the opposition of a nature that will surprise them.

Willie Hoppe Leading Cochran at Billiards

BOSTON, (By the Associated Press.)— Willie Hoppe, world's champion 18-2 balk-line billiard player, won the first block of his 1550-point, three-night match with Welker Cochran, challenger 500 to 276. Cochran, playing brilliantly at times, failed as conspicuously at others, having a total of six blank innings.

Giant Regulars Start South Late Next Month

NEW YORK (INS)—The New York Giants are scheduled to start for Sarasota, Florida, for their Spring training on February 28, according to an interview with Manager John McGraw. They will begin active training two days later McGraw said. All of the new pitchers, however, will have been in camp a week earlier than that, working under the direction of Hughey Jennings and Casey Dolan.

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